

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
5:23-CR-00192-M

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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) MOTION TO CONTINUE
v.) ARRAIGNMENT
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ERIC CHARLES WELTON)

NOW COMES Defendant, Eric Charles Welton, by and through undersigned counsel, Nardine Mary Guirguis, and moves this Honorable Court for an order continuing the arraignment in the above referenced case. Defendant respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court the following in support of this motion:

1. Undersigned counsel filed her notice of appearance on May 6, 2024.
2. Currently, arraignment is set for January 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM before the Honorable Chief District Judge Richard E. Myers, II.
3. Undersigned is continuing to review the discovery in this case with Mr. Welton and research several legal issues that could impact the outcome of this matter. Undersigned also requires additional time to continue reviewing and discussing negotiations to resolve this case with Mr. Welton, which has been made more difficult by his recent transfer to a detention facility several hours away from undersigned's office.
4. To ensure he is fully apprised of the status of his case and all options are exhausted before entering a plea, Mr. Welton is respectfully requesting a continuance of his arraignment to a February 2025 term of court.
5. Undersigned contacted Assistant United States Attorney Lori B. Warlick, and she

does not object to a continuance.

6. This motion is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay but is sought to afford Defendant his rights pursuant to the Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the United States Constitution. Additionally, neither the Government nor Defendant would be prejudiced by a continuance of the arraignment.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order continuing arraignment to a February 2025 term of court. This extension of time is to be excluded from the computation under the Speedy Trial Act. The ends of justice served by this motion outweigh the interest of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial.

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of January 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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This 2nd day of January 2025.

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